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Timely Tidbits ...

Special Meeting on Airport Developments

Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson (11th District; R-Canton) has announced that a special community-wide meeting will be held in the Huron High School Auditorium (32644 Huron River Drive) on Thursday, October 24, at 7 p.m. The meeting is intended to create a forum for discussion of the latest developments at Metro Airport. Of special interest will be a general review of the \$1.6-billion expansion project and its impact on the Noise Mitigation Program for Romulus and Huron Township residents.

Elected officials from all levels of government—Federal, State, County, and local—have been invited to attend. Also invited are Robert Braun, Director of Wayne County Airports, and Dean Nitz, Manager of the Federal Aviation Administration's regional office.

Patterson's hope is to accomplish two goals:

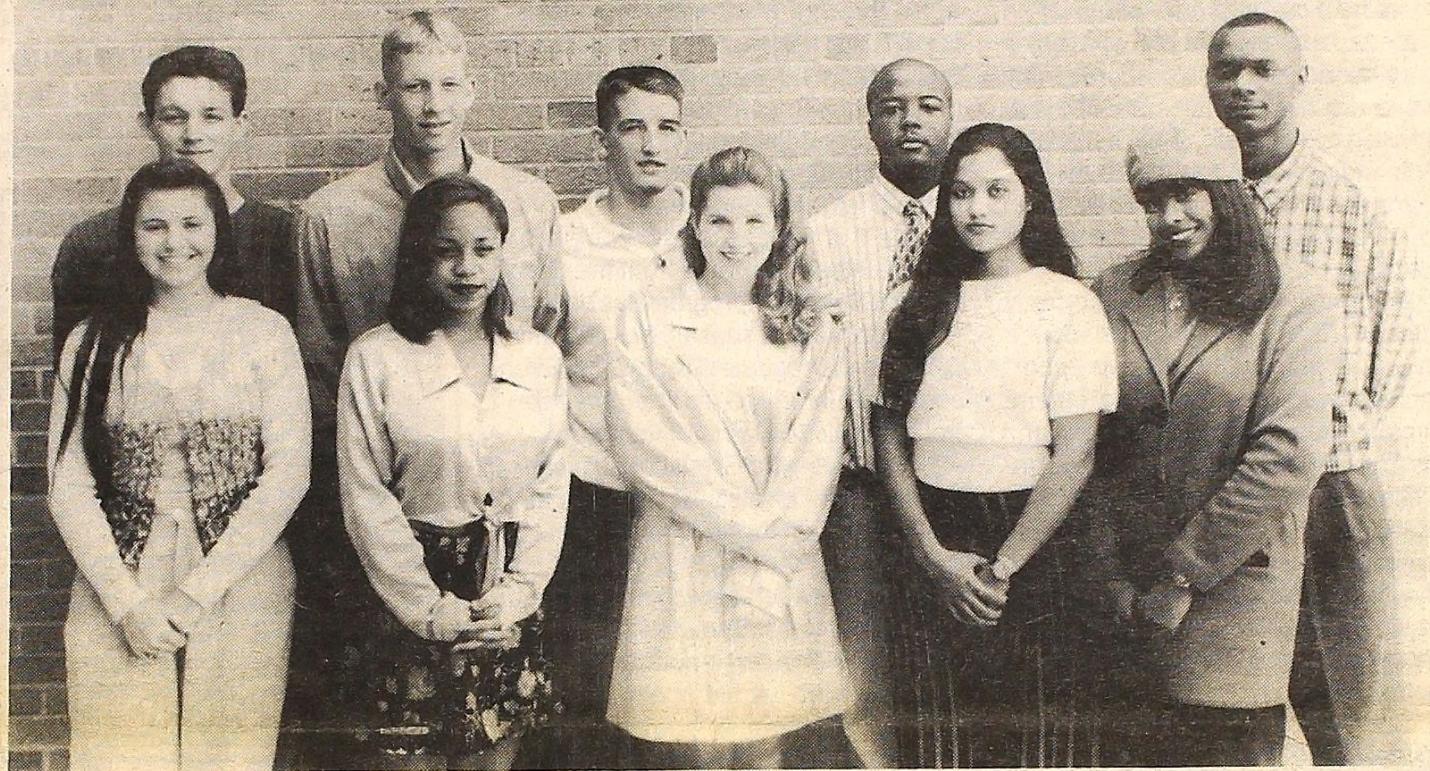
- provide his constituents with the most current information available about the expansion project; and
- bring local residents' problems with the Noise Mitigation Program (including their concerns about outright purchases, purchase assurance, and sound insulation) to the attention of those charged with enforcing compliance with the Federal Aviation Regulations Part 150 program.

Local residents are, therefore, encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion.

In the long run, says Patterson, input from residents and elected officials who attend the meeting will be used to develop a bipartisan "Plan of Action," which will be submitted to the appropriate officials for consideration and implementation.

For more information, please see the flyer insert inside this issue of *The Romulus News* or call Commissioner Patterson's office (313-224-0944) to speak with him or his aide, Mr. Santivago. □

Homecoming Court Members Seek Royal Honor



Vying for the honor of being chosen Romulus High School's Homecoming King for 1996 are (back row, from left) Joe Lambert, Sean Dick, Mike Hatfield, William Hamby, and Lewis Atkins. Homecoming Queen hopefuls are (front row, from left) Kathi Kraft, Marle Madison, Sarah Lorenz, Rebecca Shelby, and Andracer DeYampert. For more information about this year's Homecoming Week activities, see page 7. (photo: Romulus High School photo staff)

Affidavits Attribute EDS Lawsuit to Political Motives



Councilman Jimmie Raspberry

By Kristi Stephens

"Now, looking back, I realize it was a terrible mistake. The lawsuit [against Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.] was filed for purely political reasons—to temporarily satisfy the anti-well protesters and assure our own re-election's (sic) to the City Council. The issue of zoning had nothing to do with it," Romulus City Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry recently stated in a sworn affidavit which he plans to file with the Wayne County Circuit Court.

Raspberry said that he has filed the affidavit and made its contents public in the hope that his actions will encourage the settlement of a dispute which has led the City of Romulus to spend in excess of \$600,000 in legal fees, trying to prevent Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) from operating its already constructed injection well just off Wahrman Road in Romulus.

By making his sworn statement, Raspberry joins two former Romulus City Councilmen—Noah P. "Pete" Bergeron and Ellis Pennington—who filed similar affidavits with the Court last month.

"Because this litigation has dragged on for so long and has been so destructive to our community, and because it has no merit or legal basis, I feel I have no choice but to join with Pete and Ellis and expose the truth to the citizens of Romulus and to EDS," explained the senior member of the City Council.

In his affidavit, Raspberry recalled how the "terrible mistake" began: "In

October, 1993, I, along with Romulus City Councilpersons William Wadsworth, Randolph Gear, Mary Ann Banks, Ellis Pennington, Peter Bergeron and Russell Lambert, voted to file the lawsuit against EDS. We met privately, in 'executive session,' without the presence of the City Attorney and without allowing the public to hear what was discussed. We then voted, at the urging of Mayor [Beverly] McAnally, to sue EDS as a means to 'buy time' until after the election, which was scheduled to be held about two weeks later. . . . After the election we intended to settle with EDS and allow the well to operate."

Former Councilman Pennington also contends that City officials considered the lawsuit a political ploy. "The City Council adopted a resolution on October 18, 1993 to file a lawsuit in the Wayne County Circuit [Court] to try to stop the well. In the week before that the Mayor [Beverly McAnally], Jimmy (sic) Raspberry, another Council Member and I worked out a political strategy. The Mayor was interested in helping Jimmy (sic) Raspberry and me in the upcoming

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Guest Commentary

Little-known Fish – And Laws – Have Big Impact

By Congresswoman Lynn N. Rivers, U.S. Representative for Michigan's 13th District

Sometimes a little fish in a big pond can create a big problem – especially if it's a sea lamprey. People who enjoy fishing along Michigan's shores may have heard horror stories about these parasitic, eel-like fish. Sea lampreys, which originally come from the Atlantic ocean, survive by sinking their teeth into other fish and sucking out their body fluids.

Recently, there was a comedy sketch on *Saturday Night Live* about a family who plays host to some "poor" lampreys by letting them attach themselves to the family's arms, legs, and ears. But in Michigan, sea lampreys are no joke. In its lifetime, one sea lamprey can kill more than 40 pounds of fish. Lampreys are so destructive that often only one out of seven fish will survive an attack. During the 1940s and '50s, lampreys decimated the Great Lakes fisheries.

The Great Lakes fisheries are a major source of jobs and income for the entire region. Currently, fisheries in the area generate an estimated \$4 billion in business annually. Over 2.5 million Americans fish in the Great Lakes recreationally every year, stimulating over \$3 billion in local business and supporting roughly 54,000 full-time jobs. This is not counting the commercial fisheries, which generate approximately \$300 million for the United States and Canada, and employ thousands.

Ever since sea lampreys began flourishing in the Great Lakes system in the 1930s (they arrived by way of the Erie and Welland canals, which carried them inland from the Atlantic Ocean), they have been killing off the indigenous fish populations of lake trout, white fish, and other species crucial to the local economy.

The problem became so bad that, four decades ago, the Federal government established the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, which, in turn, instituted the Sea Lamprey Eradication Program. This program has been a stunning success. Since it began, the sea lamprey population in most areas of the Great Lakes has been reduced by 90%. Lake trout, once king of the fisheries but decimated by the sea lampreys, are again self-sustaining in most areas of Lake Superior and are making a comeback in the other lakes. There has also been a resurgence of salmon, which, like the lake trout, are top predators, consuming the smaller and less val-

uable species of fish in the lakes, populating it instead with bigger species.

As a result of lamprey control, fisheries in the Great Lakes regions are again thriving. Management agencies in the Great Lakes states can stock fish and implement other lake-restoration programs with confidence. The popularity of sport-fishing – and tourism in the Great Lakes area – has skyrocketed in the past three decades.

Yet it is not possible to completely eradicate sea lampreys from the Great Lakes. The control program has become an integral and necessary part of states' fisheries management programs. Even short-term interruptions in lamprey control are believed to be devastating.

Moreover, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission is also useful in that it actually streamlines our government by coordinating the management of the fisheries between two countries, eight states, and several sovereign tribal authorities. Without it, a number of different agencies would most likely be charged with this task, and the management would be far less efficient.

Recently, however, an amendment was proposed in Congress that would have effectively abolished the Sea Lamprey Eradication Program through a series of budgetary and bureaucratic maneuvers. In an attempt to shore up money for other projects, the amendment proposed moving a portion of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission's budget from under the umbrella of State Department to that of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, where it would become subject to attacks as a "line item" and eliminated.

I am pleased to report that a strong, bipartisan effort was launched to defeat this amendment. Both Republicans and Democrats from the Great Lakes joined together to protect the Fishery Commission and the Sea Lamprey Eradication Program, and we prevailed upon the sponsor to withdraw the amendment.

This is an example of government at its best. When members of congress work together in a nonpartisan way, we can create or preserve important, common-sense legislation that benefits everyone. In this way, one little fish in a big pond can make a world of difference as well – for the better.

Editor's note: The purpose of the "Guest Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community and other interested parties with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. □

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if a sound reason for anonymity can be demonstrated or explained to our satisfaction.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Records of Water Wells Requested by EDS

Dear Editor:

Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), recently published various notices in the newspapers requesting records of water wells near our projects because Mr. R.P. Lilly and Romulus City Councilwoman Debbie Romak have gone on record indicating that many such wells exist. In addition, we have made written requests to Mr. Lilly and Councilwoman Romak for these records which they said they were aware of.

No such well records have been received by EDS in response to these requests.

This result is consistent with a water-bill search conducted by the City of Romulus, and with a letter from the City indicating that they had no records of any such wells. The County was able to produce records of a few wells that we previously reported to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

We again ask that Mr. Lilly and Councilwoman Romak provide the records which they said exist, in the interest of public health, and to avoid the appearance of misrepresenting the facts.

In closing, we thank those Romulus residents who have raised concerns recently regarding EDS' Citrin Drive facility for their willingness to review our design plans and listen to how these design plans will protect the environment and human safety.

Sincerely,
Austin Marshall
Vice President, EDS

Just One Question, Says Reader

To the Editor:

After watching the Monday, October 7 meeting of the Romulus City Council—in particular, the part where the City discussed its decision to oppose the Michigan Department of Transportation in its attempt to implement a multi-community project which would offer a variety of benefits to every motorist who uses the interstate highways throughout Metro Detroit—I have just one question for our elected officials: Did the State of Michigan have to get permission from the City of Romulus, or draw local permits, before it constructed I-94, I-275, or even the Vining Road exit?

Sincerely,
Dolores Witzgall
Romulus □

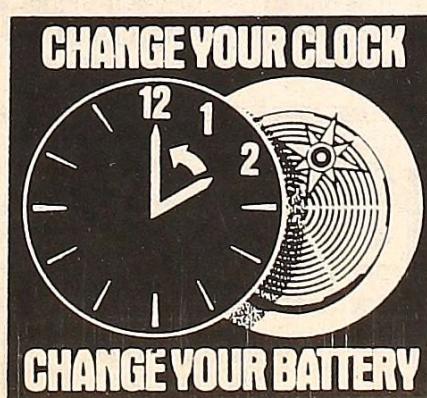
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Survey Results

More than 300 families responded to the Romulus Community Schools' year-end survey concerning the educational atmosphere of our school district. Questions written by staff and community members asked parents to rate the learning environment, communications, curriculum, and school rules for the building where their child attends. A self-addressed, stamped envelope was provided with each survey mailed to parents.

Survey chairman Mike Teasdale was pleased with the survey response and the survey results. "We had a return factor twice the normal rate and, over all, the results show a positive and satisfying parent attitude," said Teasdale, who went on to indicate that many parents took time to write comments which are now being analyzed, with recommendations to be shared with the Romulus Board of Education.

The survey asked parents to respond to 27 specific questions about the school that their child attends. Questions about staff respecting students and opportunities for parent involvement were posed, as were others regarding what and how students are taught. A rating scale of one (low) to five (high) was used. Sixteen of the questions were rated above 3.5. Homework proved to be the greatest concern for parents, while the school calendar received the highest rating.

All data has been shared with the building principals. Corrective measures are being discussed using the survey results and parents' comments.

The school district would like to express its appreciation for the time that parents spent completing the questionnaires with such thoughtful answers. Complete results of the survey are available by calling Mr. Teasdale's office at 941-0610.

Extra! Read All About It!

Are you interested in writing? Boy! Have we got a job for you! Beginning in November, a workshop will be conducted to train volunteers for the new "Writers Room" at Romulus High School.

A "Writers Room" . . . what might that be? It implements a new concept in education, and Romulus High School will be the first school in the State of Michigan to use it. It is based on the "Writers Room" as conceived by Sheila Crowell and Ellen Kolba, and practiced at Montclair High School in Montclair, New Jersey.

Volunteers from the community will be trained; then they, in turn, will help all students at Romulus High School become better writers. This has worked

effectively at Montclair High School, with students there achieving well above the State average on the New Jersey proficiency test.

So, get involved; help our students perform to the best of their ability by giving them the individual attention that all writers need. Don't fret: knowledgeable staff members will teach you everything you need to know to do a good job.

To sign up for this wonderful program, contact Ron Bayes at 941-2170, ext. 219. Hurry, don't wait; training sessions will begin soon.

Historical Society News

During its annual election several months ago, the Romulus Historical Society elected the following officers: Gerald Wendland, President; Helen Hay, Vice-president; Genevieve Dugan, Secretary; Gloria Chandler, Treasurer; Kenneth Krueger, Corresponding Secretary. Pearl Varner was appointed to the position of Museum Director.

The Historical Society's members wish to extend their thanks to Kathy Billings, CPA - partner in the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel, CPAs of Wayne, Michigan - for the generous donation of her time and knowledge in the preparation of the Society's annual reports. This firm's support of the Historical Society over the years has been truly appreciated.

Currently, the Society is holding a fund raiser to help finance the restoration of the Samuel R. Kingsley House. This historical building was built circa 1850 and was owned by Samuel R. Kingsley, who was both Post Master and merchant at Pullen's Corners. If you would like to purchase an original brick from this house, or a pair of bookends, please stop in at the Museum and help the Society. These and more items will be on sale each Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Call 942-2340 on Sundays for more information. (Note: The Museum is located at 11120 Hunt Street in downtown Romulus, next to the post office.)

The Romulus Historical Society meets in the Historical Museum on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Special meeting places will be announced when appropriate. □

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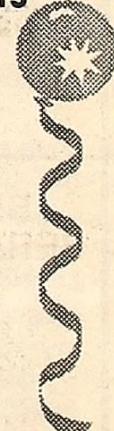
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Independent from Taylor Seeks State House Seat

By Kristi Stephens

Citing her concern with the direction that our society and our government are taking, and her conviction that our government is not providing answers to our problems, Taylor resident Susan Cislo has announced her intent to run as an independent candidate for State Representative of Michigan's 22nd District. The district, which is comprised of the cities of Taylor and Romulus, is currently represented by Democrat Greg Pitoniak, also of Taylor.

"Rather than just complain, I have decided to become a part of the solution," said Cislo. "I do believe that one person can make a difference. I also believe that the two-party system, as it now operates, is not getting the job done. What is needed is new people, with fresh ideas, who are not beholden to either special interests or party-line politics."

Cislo feels that her lack of affiliation with either of the two major political parties is a benefit, not a detriment.

"It is often the case that members of one political party have a difficult time getting support for an otherwise good piece of legislation because members of the rival party don't want to give them any credit," Cislo explained. "I would be able to propose common-sense legislation that both parties could support without giving credit to their opponents."

"In addition," she continued, "I would not be subject to expectations of party loyalty or fear of party discipline, and would be free to consider all legislation only on its merits. My vote would count just as much as any Democrat's or Republican's."

Among those issues of most concern to the self-employed marketing distributor/homemaker/mother of three are:

Schools

"We need to get back to basics, especially in the teaching of reading," said Cislo, whose current involvement within her community's education system includes volunteer work at the elementary school and membership in the Parent-Teacher Organization. "Phonics must be fully implemented, and not just given lip service. The ability to read well is the key to lifelong learning."

Another area of education which concerns Cislo is that of "sex education": "It seems to me that 'sex education' has now become 'sexuality education,' with parents given the right to 'opt out' of their children's attendance. It should be the reverse. Student participation should only be on the basis of specific parental approval, or 'opting in.' This is particularly true since most programs now treat homosexuality as an



Susan Cislo

acceptable 'alternative' life-style. This is offensive to many parents' religious beliefs. I believe that whatever consenting adults do in private is none of my business. If that is true, then what I think about it is none of their business."

Finally, on the subjects of "outcome-based education" (OBE) and charter schools, Cislo stated, "OBE is basically about changing students' attitudes, moving them away from the values taught by parents and toward an acceptance of world government, in place of American sovereignty, and a reduced standard of living. OBE must be abolished, and be replaced with true academic subjects to prepare our children to 'be all they can be.'

"Charter schools are not the answer to introducing true competition in the education field, as long as they have to conform to the OBE objectives of the 'bipartisan' State mandates. Neither are school vouchers the answer. If the State furnishes the money, it will necessarily control the curricula. Instead, I would propose tax credits for tuition paid by parents who send their children to private schools, whether or not they are affiliated with churches. This would eliminate the double burden that those parents are carrying in paying for both the public (government) schools and their children's private tuition."

Taxes

"I oppose any new taxes or increases in the existing taxes," stated Cislo. "There is plenty of money in the State treasury to fund all worthwhile programs if the Legislature, and the Governor, would get their priorities straight. Of course, this would involve cutting out all 'pork-barrel' projects and corporate welfare (e.g., the Governor's 'strategic fund')."

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November City Election in the face of mounting political pressure concerning the well. She was also trying to figure out a way to defeat [then-candidate for City Council] Mary Collins. It was agreed that a resolution would be presented to the City Council to look into the feasibility of filing a lawsuit. By the time we received anything back from the City Attorney, the election would be over and the matter could then be forgotten. This strategy was purely for political purposes," Pennington stated in his affidavit.

Although, after the lawsuit was filed, McAnally strongly denied having ever supported the well project, former Councilman Bergeron's recollections differ sharply. "On December 10, 1990, the City Council considered EDS' proposal to drill a deep injection well someplace in the City," Bergeron maintained in his sworn statement. "During the Council meeting, the Mayor was asked for her opinion. The Mayor was in favor of the project stating that the Council had just approved two gas stations which would be more dangerous, in her opinion, than the proposed hazardous waste well. She indicated that the City had an obligation to try to keep the City clean from toxic waste and that the well project appeared to be a safe way of handling hazardous waste. The City Council then adopted a resolution acknowledging EDS' presence in the City, as an expression that the City accepted the idea of the well being located within the City."

Pennington, too, recalled that McAnally had voiced support for the EDS well: "During the City Council meeting [of December 10, 1990], [then] Council Member Fred Junior Block asked the Mayor what she thought about the well project. She said it was funny that she was asked since she did not have a vote. She then went on to indicate that the Council had just approved two gas stations and that the waste involved with the well wouldn't be nearly as bad as gasoline. She also emphasized that the City would be receiving a royalty of 5% and she was always looking at ways to raise money for the City."

Commenting on a later "rescinding resolution" which has since become the subject of much controversy, especially regarding its underlying intent, Bergeron stated, "In August, 1991, the City Council passed a resolution to rescind the resolution adopted on December 10, 1990 which had the purpose of welcoming EDS to the City of Romulus. Concerning that, Mayor McAnally talked to me and others on the City Council and said that Bob Ryan had asked her for a rescinding resolution, as a personal favor, in order to give Bob Ryan leverage in his negotiations with Doug Wicklund, the President of EDS. It was understood by all who were involved that the

rescinding motion was a political favor, not intended to reject or stop development of the well in the City of Romulus."

As to whether or not the City had ever, prior to the filing of the lawsuit, been concerned that the project might be located on inappropriately zoned property, Pennington stated, "I did not personally give any consideration to the zoning question. I, along with the City Council, had been told by the City Attorney, Barry Seifman, on a number of occasions that due to preemption by federal and state law local ordinances were not enforceable."

Said Bergeron, "Concerning EDS' project, [then-Community Development Director] Dennis Oakes determined for the City that the zoning was correct and the City Attorney, Barry Seifman, determined that there was preemption of local ordinances.

"In early Summer of 1993, I heard from John Ryznar [Bergeron's father-in-law, who owned the property which EDS leased for its project] that EDS was preparing to drill the well. There was a dinner for City Council and City officials put on by EDS in July of 1993. I did not attend the dinner . . . but was aware of the fact that the Mayor and a number of Council Members did attend the dinner and were on the property during the drilling process. No one from the City Council or the City staff indicated any concern during this period of time on the zoning issue."

Bergeron continued, "From my knowledge of being involved as a City Council Member, the Mayor and the City Council were very aware of the well from the Fall of 1990 and . . . there was plenty of notice prior to drilling the well in July and August of 1993 . . . I am not aware of anyone on behalf of the City making any objection or trying to stop the well project. If anyone had a question and wanted to take action, it should have been brought up to the City Council prior to [the] drilling of the well."

Bergeron also defended himself against allegations that he had a conflict of interest because of his father-in-law's business relationship with EDS: "EDS has an option to purchase the Ryznar property. John Ryznar is my father-in-law. This was known from the beginning of this project in the Fall of 1990. At various times, questions were raised about a conflict of interest. At one point, City Attorney Barry Seifman gave the opinion at a City Council meeting that there was no conflict of interest. I am related to John Ryznar only by marriage and I have no direct financial interest in the property. Further, I am advised that the agreement is to sell the property for \$20,000 per acre for the 20 acres. There is no question in my mind that the land, zoned M-1, has that value or much greater if the property were again placed on the market for sale."

Finally, Councilman Raspberry cited several events which, he believes, support his assertion that the City never mentioned a possible zoning problem until after the well was completed — including the fact that the City issued three different permits for construction-related work at the site, as well as an assertion that Romulus asked EDS to buy new land in order to bring its trucks in by a different route (a request which EDS honored, at a reported cost of about \$100,000).

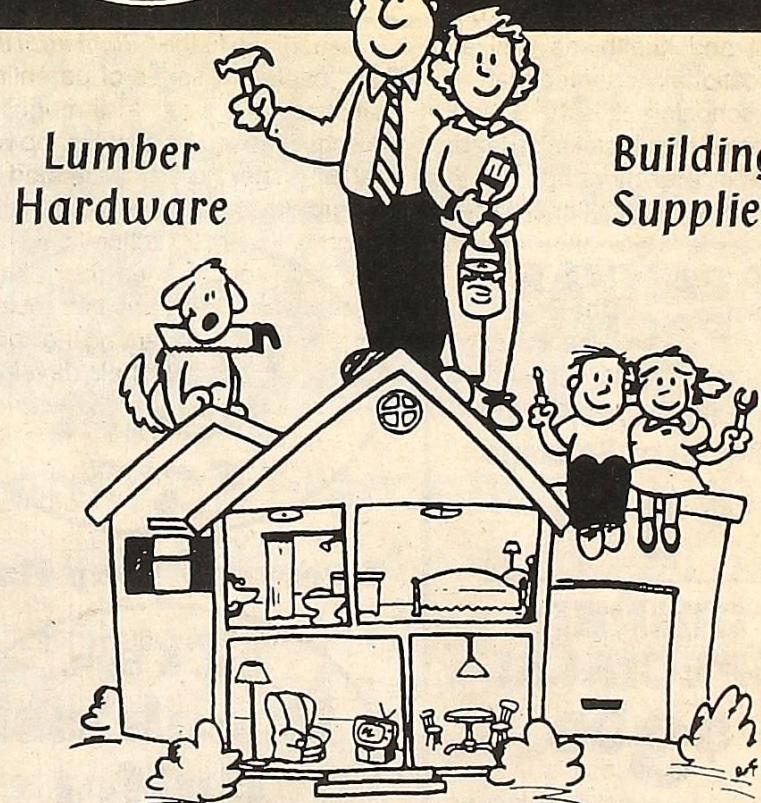
In the conclusion of his affidavit, Raspberry stated, "For three years now, I have watched our City's lawyers get rich off hard earned tax dollars of our citizens by lying about EDS. Enough is enough. I believe its (sic) time that the Court and the citizens of Romulus learned the truth about these lawsuits and what caused them to be filed in the

first place. I am in favor of a negotiated settlement of these lawsuits and I respectfully urge that the Court use its power to help achieve this by allowing discovery of the truth [by ruling in favor of EDS' current request to depose various former and current City officials who had contact with EDS regarding its project over the past six years] and reporting it to the citizens of Romulus. I believe that the voters of Romulus, once they know the truth about the actions of their elected officials, will act appropriately and decisively."

When contacted for her response to the statements made by Bergeron, Pennington, and Raspberry, former Mayor McAnally declined to comment, saying that, since there is litigation currently pending, it would be inappropriate for her to discuss these matters until she does so in court. □



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Parents To Receive Preschool Packet



Wick Elementary parent Torsha Scott (left) receives a preschool packet from Wick kindergarten teacher Marlyn Wood.

By Earl Cornett, Chairman of the Romulus Preschool Committee

As part of the Romulus Community Schools' initiative to increase achievement, the Romulus Preschool Committee is committed to helping parents and other care-givers prepare children to succeed in school by providing information regarding development and health, as well as other educationally oriented materials for preschoolers. It is the School District's belief that, by taking a leadership role in preschool education, more children will enter kindergarten with the readiness skills they need to thrive and grow in the school setting.

A primary focus of the Preschool Committee has been the development of a packet of parenting information for families of preschoolers. Using the theme "*Right from the Start*," the packet contains a wealth of information to help parents assess their children's growth and provide fun activities to stimulate development. Also included in the packet are lists of community agencies and medical/dental providers, suggested children's books and authors, and other pamphlets designed to help parents meet the needs of their preschool children. A checklist of kindergarten-readiness benchmarks is also included so that parents can evaluate their children's development as they approach school age.

The "*Right from the Start*" packet will be introduced and distributed for the first time at an open house for parents of preschoolers to be held at Romulus High School on Tuesday, October 15, from 7 to 8 p.m. School personnel will be on hand to review

the packet materials and answer any questions parents have. Upon receiving the packet, parents will be asked to provide information regarding preschool children (names, ages, etc.) so that the School District can keep in touch with families and pass along additional information as it becomes available.

In addition to the "*Right from the Start*" packet, a series of parenting workshops will be held throughout the school year. Each workshop will deal with specific issues related to the growth and development of preschoolers. A parenting "hot line" will also be established this fall for parents to call if they have any questions or concerns regarding their preschool children and their development. Information regarding parenting seminars and the hot line will be presented at the October 15 meeting.

Studies show that children are best prepared for success in school when parents provide developmentally appropriate activities throughout their preschool years. "*Right from the Start*" is a program designed by the School District to provide support and resources to parents as they work with their preschool children.

All parents of Romulus preschoolers, including infants and toddlers, are encouraged to attend the initial "*Right from the Start*" parents' meeting at the High School on October 15 to receive their packet full of valuable parenting information.

Refreshments will be served and child care will be provided for elementary-age children. Please call ahead (941-2030) if you will need child care. □

HOMECOMING 1996

The excitement which has been building all week will reach its peak today, when junior quarterback Matt Martin will do his best to lead the Romulus High School Varsity Eagles to a "Homecoming 1996" victory against the Lincoln Park "Rail-splitters" – with the help, of course, of some spirited cheering from the many members of the community who typically attend the event to show their support.

Preceding the contest will be the annual Homecoming Parade, which will depart from the Romulus City Hall parking lot at 5 p.m., travel along Gabriel to Goddard to Neville to Ozga, and end at Romulus Middle School, where the game will be played at 7 p.m. This year's Grand Marshal will be Mrs. Geneva Clark, a lifelong Romulus resident, dedicated community volunteer, and former Woman of the Year. Mrs. Clark – who, not long ago, told a couple of student interviewers from Romulus High School that one thing she had always wanted was a parade – is eagerly anticipating this chance to fulfill her dream.

Also on hand during the parade will be members of the Parent/School/Community Compact Committee, who will pass out miniature footballs to promote awareness of the Compact's goals.

The theme of Homecoming 1996 is "Warner Brothers Characters," and the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior floats proudly displayed during the parade will, of course, reflect that theme. The winner of the float competition will be announced during the Homecoming game's halftime intermission, along with the winner of the highly coveted Spirit Jug and the names of this year's Homecoming King and Queen.

This year's Spirit competition has been fierce, as the classes of 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 have vied to earn the most points during various Homecoming Week events. Among the most popular events were the dress-up days, when many students went all-out to attire themselves in costumes appropriate to the daily themes: "Hat & Sun-

glasses" (Monday), "Pajamas" (Tuesday), "Sports Teams/Logos" (Wednesday), "Halloween Costumes" (Thursday), and "Maroon & White" (Friday). Other Spirit activities include a "Macarena Competition" as well as the more traditional "Tug of War," "Pyramid," and "Obstacle Course."

Of course, the most highly anticipated event of Homecoming Day (besides the game itself) is probably the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen. This year's Homecoming Court – selected by the senior class last Friday – consists of Lewis Atkins, Sean Dick, William Hamby, Mike Hatfield, Joe Lambert, Andracé DeYampert, Kathi Kraft, Sarah Lorenz, Marie Madison, and Rebecca Shelby. From among these 10 young people, the entire student population will choose its King and Queen for 1996. On hand to do the crowning honors will be 1965's Homecoming Queen, Dorothy (Jesse) Visgar (Class of 1966).

Also chosen last Friday were the Prince and Princess for the junior, sophomore, and freshman classes. They are: Class of 1998 – Phil Love and Leslie Sloan; Class of 1999 – Nathan Thomas and Rachel Laskaska; and Class of 2000 – Eric Stewart and Sharice Carter.

Finally, students will wind up their Homecoming Week in style with the annual Homecoming Dance, to be held in the Romulus High School cafeteria on Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m.

Of course, much of the overall community's participation in Homecoming will again center on the now-famous Romulus Alumni Association tent. Alumni Coordinator Marge Bergman – who says that the group's membership has grown to nearly 500 – invites RHS alumni who have not yet joined the Association to drop by, sign up, and enjoy some of super-chef Paula Smith's delicious "walk-around chili." And members of the Class of 1966 – who will be out in force in preparation for their 30-year reunion on Saturday – will want to stop by and pick up the gift that awaits them as a memento of the evening. □

RHS Class of '61 Reunites



Catching up on 35 years of history isn't an easy job, but it was one enjoyed by Paul Harwood (left) and Ezell Wooden, who, as graduates of Romulus High School's Class of 1961, attended a recent reunion.

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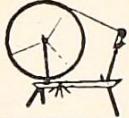


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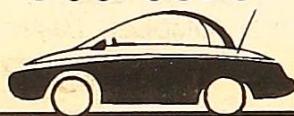


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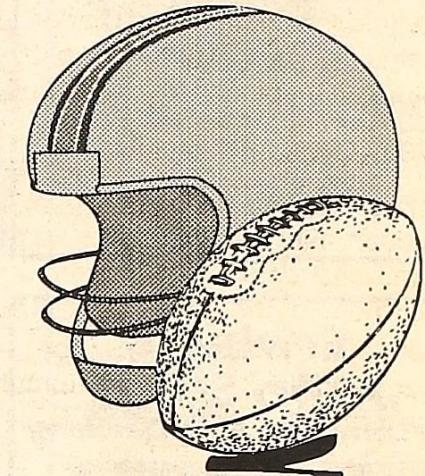
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Community Calendar

- **"Person of the Year" Nominees Sought** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominees for its 17th annual Romulus Person of the Year. Anyone who has made a significant contribution to the community is eligible for consideration. Nomination forms (available at the Chamber office, located in the executive conference center at the Clarion Inn, 31200 Industrial Expressway, Romulus) must be received by December 1, 1996. For more information, please call 326-4290.
- **Bazaar/Luncheon** – The United Methodist Women of Community United Methodist Church will host a Hot Chicken Salad Luncheon/Bazaar on Friday, October 18, at the Church (located at 11160 Olive in downtown Romulus). The Bazaar will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; luncheon (\$6 per person) will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, or for tickets, please call 941-0736.
- **Bingo at St. Aloysius School** – St. Aloysius School (located at Ozga and Neville streets in Romulus) will host a bingo fund-raiser in the School basement on Friday, October 18, from 6 to 11 p.m., and Saturday, October 19, from 4 to 11:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the School. For more information, call 941-3340.
- **"Dancin' for Stephanie"** – Stephanie Smith – an eight-year-old dancer from Belleville who has an extremely rare autoimmune disorder which is now at a crisis point after two years of chemotherapy – needs help to raise money for expenses that will not be covered by her insurance. A Dance Performance Benefit will be held on her behalf at Belleville High School on Sunday, October 20, from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets (donation of \$10) are available at many Belleville businesses, or by calling 697-6110.
- **Gospel Illusions by Majic Jack** – The Romulus Wesleyan Church (located at 37300 Goddard Road/Five Points in Romulus) will host "Gospel Illusions by Majic Jack" – a program for all ages – on Wednesday, October 27, at 7 p.m. A love offering will be taken. For more information, call 941-1511.
- **Writer Support Group** – Writers Anonymous, a writer support group encompassing all ages and interests, meets at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road) on the first and third Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The group's objective is to give honest, constructive criticism and encouragement to its members. For more information, please call the Library at 942-7589.
- **Romulus Little League Meetings** – The Romulus Little League Board of Directors invites the public to attend its regular meetings, held at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Romulus Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins).
- **Perinatal Loss Support Group** – The Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne Maternal Child Care Department offers a Perinatal Loss Support Group – a healing group for parents who have experienced a loss through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, still-birth, or newborn death. The support group meets every Monday from 7:45 to 9 p.m. at the Oakwood Center (33155 Annapolis). For further information and/or to RSVP (RSVP is required), please call 467-5588.
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Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

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Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours (weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Daddy/Daughter Dance

The Recreation Department's annual dance for daughters and their daddies (or grandpas or uncles or big brothers) will be held at Romulus Middle School on Wednesday, October 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A cost of \$7 per couple (plus \$2 for each additional daughter) covers music, refreshments, one picture, and a flower for each girl. Tickets (cash only) must be purchased in advance no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, October 21.

Halloween Dance

A Halloween dress-up dance for Romulus Middle School students only will be held on Wednesday, October 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the Middle School from Monday, October 28, through Wednesday, October 30. A \$2 cost covers D.J. music, light refreshments, and costume contest.

See Halloween Soup

Children of all ages (and their parents, too) are invited to participate in this trip to the Northville Theatre to see a live production of *Halloween Soup* on Saturday, October 26. The bus departs from the Recreation building at 1:30 p.m. and will return at about 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. Deadline for registration is Thursday, October 24.

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Quilting Classes

Getting together to combine friendly socialization with the art of quilting is a time-honored ritual as old as America itself – and it's a tradition that the Romulus Recreation Department is doing its part to continue. Drop-in classes for beginning and experienced quilters are held each Thursday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Recreation Building. Cost is \$1 for Romulus senior citizens; \$1.50 for other residents; \$2 for nonresidents.

Ceramics Classes

The Romulus Recreation Department's weekly drop-in ceramics class is open to interested people of all skill levels at the Recreation building each Monday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$1.50 per class for residents, \$2 for nonresidents. An additional firing charge equal to half the cost of the green ware will be due upon completion of each project.

Men's Drop-in Hoops

Adult men from Romulus (proper I.D. required) can drop in for basketball from 6 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday at the Middle School. Cost is \$2 per evening.

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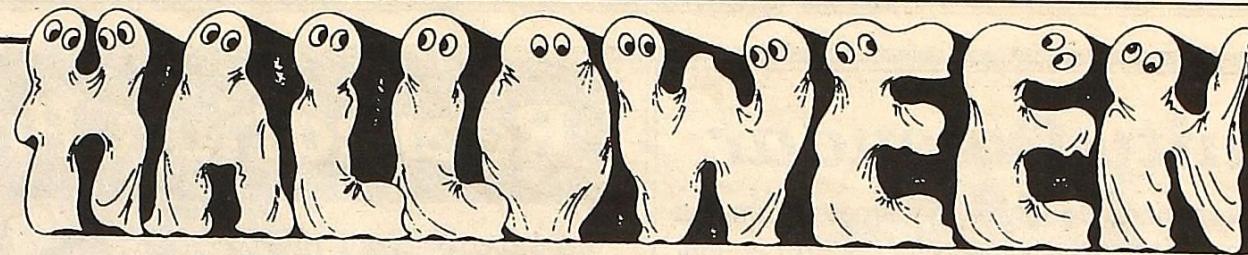
Also underway is a drop-in volleyball program open to adult Romulus residents (again, proper I.D. required). Play will be held at Wick School on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$2 per evening.

Teen Drop-in Basketball

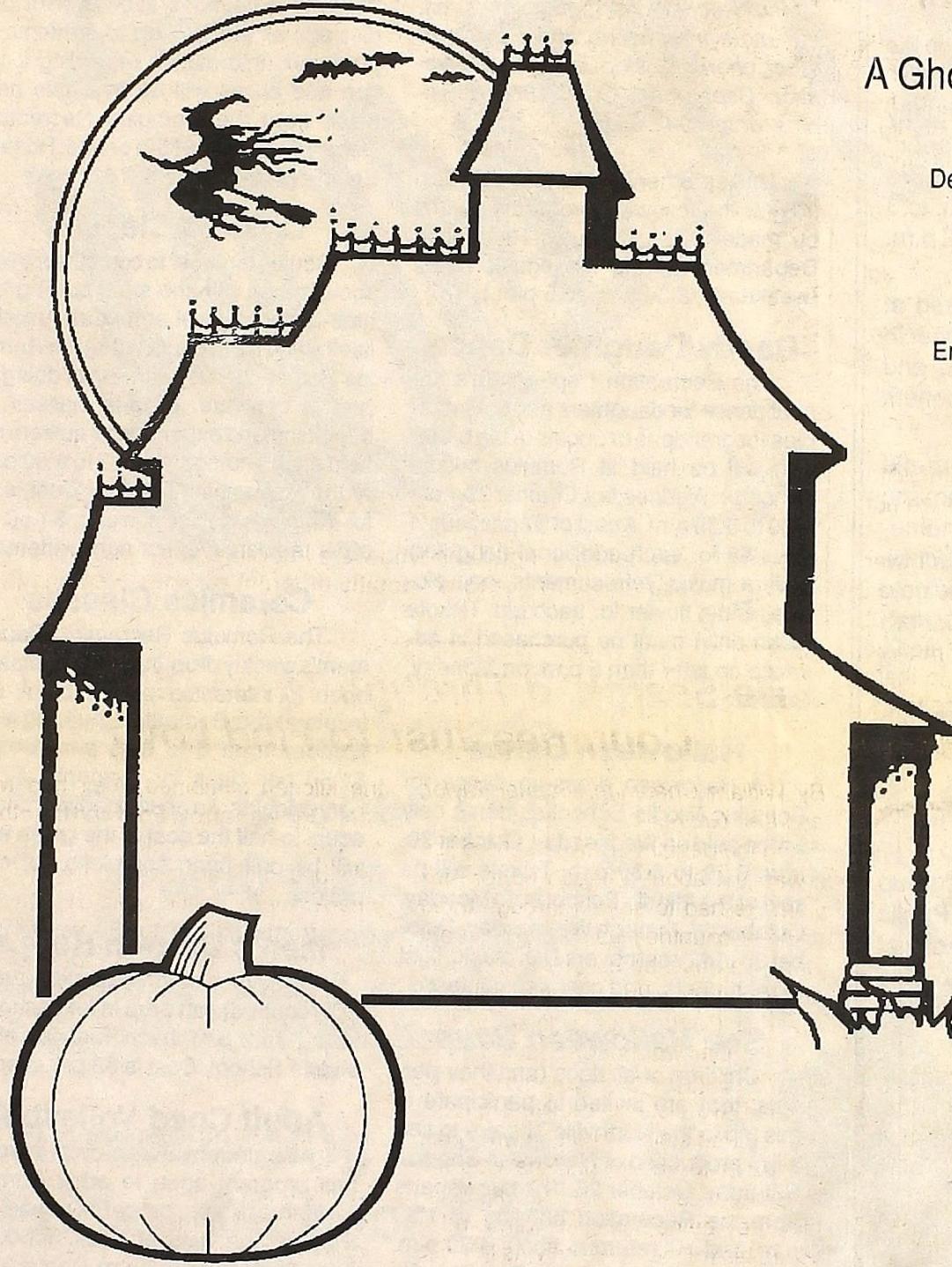
A drop-in basketball program for Romulus teens (proper I.D. required) is being conducted at Merriman (Wednesdays) and Wick (Thursdays) schools. Middle School students play from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; High School students play from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$1 per evening.

Keyboard Lessons

Keyboard lessons for ages six to adult are being offered at the Romulus Recreation building from 6 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday. Cost for the eight-week program is \$33; students must provide their own keyboard.



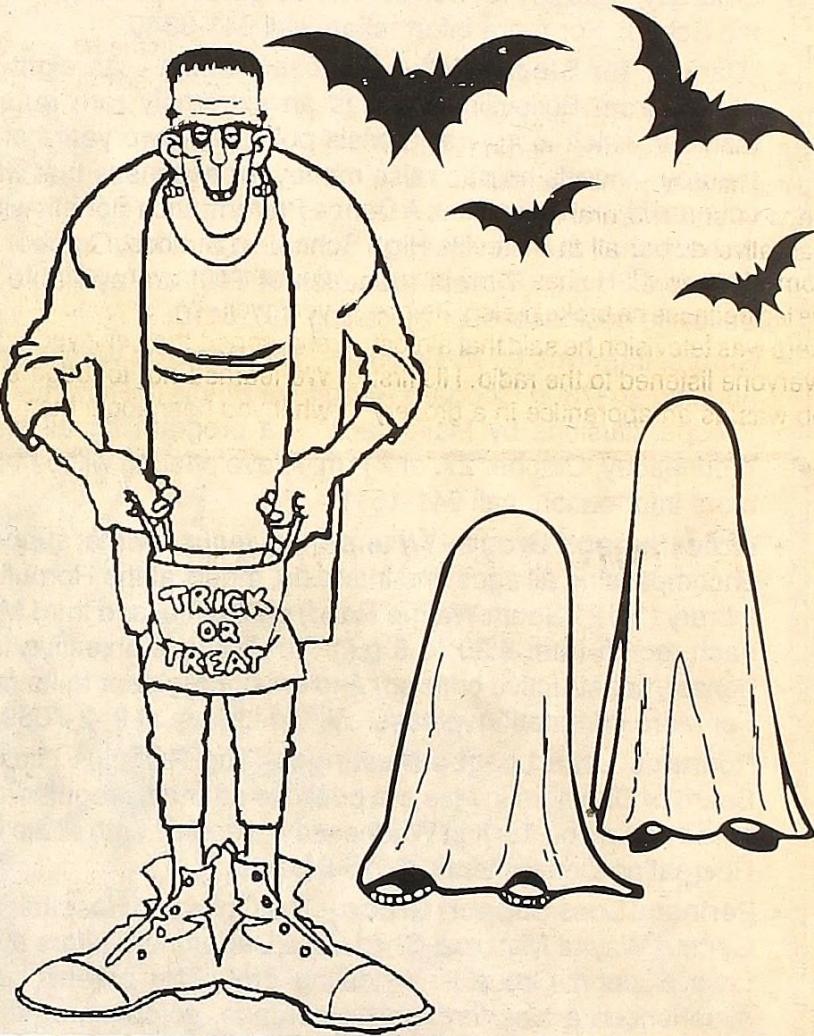
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Entries must be received by Monday, October 21, 1996.

Senior Profile: Alexander Carr

Editor's note: These are the fifth and sixth in a series of biographies on local senior citizens written by Romulus High School teacher Cathy Uhring's

1995-1996 freshman English students, and published in Open Up the Doors of the Past. Watch for more biographies in future issues of "the little paper."

"If You Misbehaved in School, You Would Be Hit on the Hand with a Ruler"

By Steven Scibilia, Quinton Lawson, and Jeremy Evitts

Do you know someone who has lived in three countries? Our elder, Alexander Carr, has lived in England, the United States, and Canada.

We felt kind of scared before going to the Romulus Tower to see the Seniors. We felt afraid because we did not know what they were going to think of us. We felt kind of nervous that we would mess up. Upon meeting our elder, Alexander Carr, we quickly relaxed. He is a very nice person. He is very talkative and told us stories about when he was in the Navy.

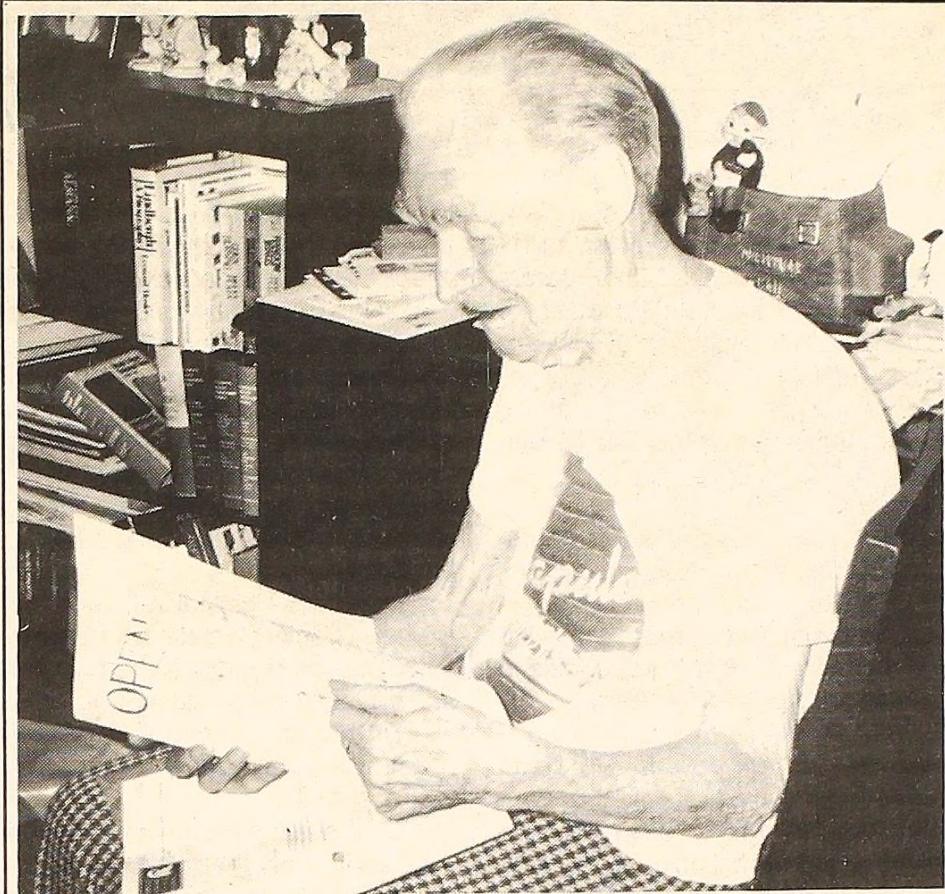
He was born in England on December 8, 1900. He was married in 1946. He did not have any children, but he has a stepson and two granddaughters. He was alive during all the wars starting from World War I. He has some pins in his leg because he broke his leg. Before there was television he said that almost everyone listened to the radio. His first job was as an apprentice in a grocery

store at the age of 14. The thing he liked most out of all of his jobs were meeting people. If he could have any job, he would be an office worker. He eventually retired at 72 when he was an office worker.

He wanted to be a singer when he was a kid. He liked to play the piano also. The only goal in his life that he did not accomplish was to father a child.

We learned that when Alexander was a child things were not as easy as they are today. He said that when he was in school if you misbehaved, you would be hit on the hand with a ruler. A lot of kids dropped out of school to go to work. We learned that things were not the same back then.

By taking this trip to Romulus Tower we learned that not all elders are as mean as we thought. All the elders that we met were very nice and treated us very well. We enjoyed talking to them and hoped they enjoyed talking to us. We learned not to judge a person by what you hear about them. □



As one of several senior citizens who were interviewed by two student groups, Alexander Carr got to see totally different perspectives on his "life story."

He Searched Through Three Different Countries Just To Find Love

By William Chapman, Gabriel Taylor, and Ken Groves

In the beginning, love seemed like it was just about a dead end for Alex Carr. He had to search through three different countries just to find it. In our story, we describe how he found love, and explain how he ends up traveling to America, Canada, and England.

Alex Carr was born in Essex County, Narwich England on December 8, 1900. He had two sisters and five brothers. Alex started school when he was three and went to school until he was 14. While he was in school, he was disciplined by being smacked with a ruler. When his mother died, he was left with his father and seven siblings. His mother died when he was nine years old. His father lived to be 88 years old. Alex Carr was a young dancer with a dancing partner named Ms. Smith, who enjoyed dancing with him very much. In 1918, he came to Port Arthur in Ontario, Canada to be with a woman whom he thought he loved. It did not work out between them, so two years later he went back to England to visit his family after which he came back to Canada in 1924. In 1924, he was granted permission to come to the United States. He came there for a woman who was supposed to be in Canada. He moved to Detroit, and once again he found love. He built a two-bedroom house for him and his wife. The two-bedroom house also had a living room, dining room, and

the kitchen combined. Alex had two cars. One was an old Ford and the other one was what they called a Falcon. His wife became very sick and was in a wheelchair for a little while. He stayed away from England for 50 years, but after his wife died, he decided to go back. His wife died in 1974. Her name was lone Deihemmer. Now Alex Carr has one stepson who is about 76 years old right now. He also has one step-grandson and two step-granddaughters.

Before being introduced to our elder, Alex Carr, we had many ideas and feelings about senior citizens. We thought that they might smell. We were not afraid of going, but we were a little nervous. We also thought that they might be a little unstable, mentally. We were worried that they might fall asleep or start drooling during our interview.

Upon meeting Alex, we found all our preconceived notions were untrue. Alex Carr is a nice man. He is a short Englishman. He is very informative and cooperative. He is very talkative and interested in teaching us about his past. He made it easy for us to ask questions. He seemed very interested in what we had to say.

We would like to thank Alex Carr for all of his support. In order to do this project we needed someone to talk to, and he was an outstanding volunteer. He also needed someone to talk to and we hope we helped him out on that part. Thank you Mr. Carr! □

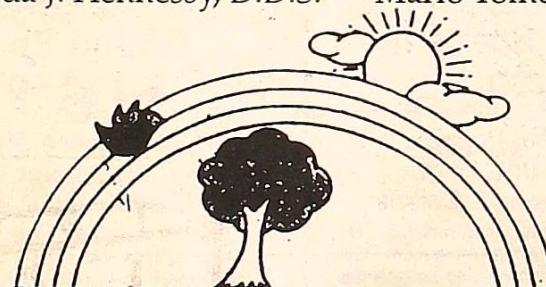
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in October: Alma Fountain, Margaret Haliburda, Bette Jones, Cynthia Semczuk (staff), June Tracy, Gladene Usher, and Geraldine Westbay.

A Heartfelt Thank-you

Senior Program Coordinator Linda Norman would like to thank U.S. Park and its representative, Julie Allison, for their generous donation of free parking for senior citizens who participated in the Center's recent trip to Laughlin, Nevada. The company has also made a donation toward the Center's New Year's party, which will be held on Friday, December 27.

Senior Crime Watch

Local senior citizens interested in learning more about what they can do to prevent crime and promote safety within their neighborhoods are invited to attend the Center's first "Senior Crime Watch" meeting, to be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 21. Representatives of our wonderful police department will be on hand to offer their assistance and share their expertise.

Card "Clinic"

There's nothing more pleasant than spending a leisurely afternoon playing cards and visiting with friends, but many people miss out on the fun because they don't know the rules of some of the more popular games. Well, if you'd like to learn to play euchre and/or pinochle, here's your chance. The Romulus Senior Center's talented card-players will conduct a free "card clinic" at the Center on Tuesday, October 22, beginning at 1 p.m. So plan to come out, enjoy some light refreshments, and pick up a few pointers that you can put to good use at the Center's weekly euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.) and/or pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.) games!

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley continues his free, twice-monthly "Ask the Attorney" service at the Romulus Senior Center on Wednesday, October 23, from 3 to 5 p.m. Walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) welcome.

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Potluck

Costumes aren't required (but they are encouraged!) for those who want to attend this month's potluck dinner, to be held at the Center on Monday, October 28, at 3 p.m. (note change from usual time). Bingo games and door prizes will be added attractions. The Center's spectacular chefs will prepare a main dish of cabbage rolls; as always, seniors are invited to sign up at the Center if they'd like to bring a dish and bring a friend.

Flu Shots

Annapolis Hospital will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Monday, November 4, to administer flu shots (must be age 18 or over) at the bargain price of \$5 each. No registration is necessary.

Walking Club

Local seniors are invited to meet at the Center every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to ride the popular "senior van" over to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for some safe, indoor walking (at your own pace) during the fall and winter months. There is no charge to participate in this program.

Shopping Trips

For a transportation cost of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at Taylor's Meijer and Target stores on Friday, October 18. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- **Aloha, Hawaii!** – Have you always dreamed of vacationing in beautiful, romantic Hawaii? Well, here's your chance to plan ahead and make that dream come true! The \$1,749 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of this 15-day/four-island trip can be paid in \$100-per-month installments, since the date of departure (March 31, 1998) is about 18 months away. And if you're afraid of making such a big commitment concerning something so far in the future, don't be; refunds will be available until 45 days prior to departure. Payment of the first \$100 installment must be made soon, so contact Linda right away if you are interested!
- **Day Trips** – Other trips planned by the Center include one to Battle Creek to see the Festival of Lights (Saturday, November 23; \$30) and one to Frankenmuth to see a performance by the Ink Spots (Friday, December 6; \$46).

INDEPENDENT SEEKS HOUSE SEAT

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"Social Security retirement benefits should not be taxed by any level of government," she continued. "We should consider giving tax credits on State income tax returns to those senior citizens who have paid Federal tax on those benefits until such time as the tax imposed by the Democrats and Republicans in Congress can be abolished."

Cislo also noted her belief that all State revenues, regardless of their source, should go into one general fund and then be spent according to established priorities. "This would force the politicians to not only set up priorities, but defend them to the public without all the confusion of 'special' funds and 'dedicated' tax revenues."

And the candidate stated categorically that she opposes the use of any taxpayer money, at any level of government, to build sports stadia for the benefit of private sports businesses.

Environment

"I take a back seat to no one in my concern for the environment," Cislo maintained. "However, I am troubled by the loss of local control by city governments over their own communities' environments, as evidenced by recent laws where State and Federal law override (preempt) local authority."

"A good example in the 22nd District is the controversy over commercial

hazardous-waste deep-injection wells. Recently, State Representative Greg Pitoniak (Democrat) and State Senator Loren Bennett (Republican) sponsored a bill to expand the State's regulatory powers concerning such wells. I regret that they chose to consolidate the authority at the State level rather than work to return the control to the local communities."

Because the location of waste-disposal sites is a very controversial subject, Cislo believes that, if the State is to have sole control over where such projects (including landfills, incinerators, and injection wells) are located, then they should be restricted to State-owned land, away from populated areas.

Abortion

"I am pro-life because I believe that life begins at conception," Cislo explained. "However, I can understand how those who believe that life does not begin until the 'fetus' could survive outside the womb would support abortion in the first and second trimester. I cannot understand how anyone could support 'partial birth' abortions. This barbaric practice must be outlawed. If this procedure were used on animals, the animal-rights lobbyists would be up in arms, and rightly so."

If you would like more information on Susan Cislo's campaign, contact her campaign headquarters at 458-7447. □

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Engagement

Christine Stratton / Shawn Mink

James Stratton (Romulus, MI) and Alice Clubb (Taylor, MI) are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Lynn Stratton, to Shawn Timothy Mink, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mink (New Boston, MI).

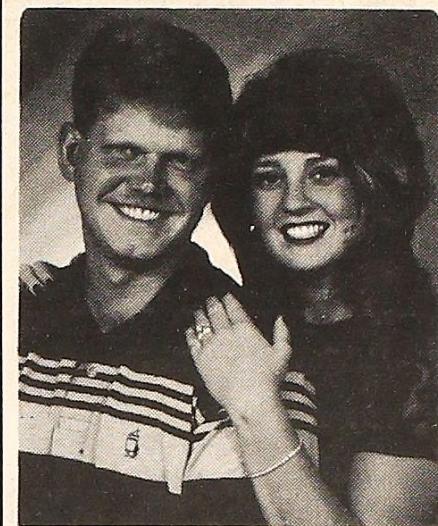
The couple plan to exchange their vows on November 23 in a ceremony to be held at St. Paul Church of Christ (Taylor, MI).

Maid of honor Brandy Mink will be attending the bride, along with bridesmaids Becky Bales, Kim Seabolt, Kim Stratton, and Kerrie Machesky, and junior bridesmaid Jaclyn Janes.

Standing up with the groom will be best man Jamie Mink, as well as grooms-men Bob Stratton, Pete Ochab, Paul Reinas, and Jim Vilella.

Flower girls will be Courtney Mink and Sarah Machesky; Nathan Stratton will be the ringbearer.

Christine is a 1990 graduate of Romulus High School, and earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Madonna University. She is currently employed as a registered nurse



Shawn Mink, Christine Stratton

in the obstetrical unit at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center—Dearborn.

Shawn, who graduated from Huron High School in 1986, has a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Wayne State University, and is employed as a maintenance supervisor at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn. □

Obituaries

Mary Burchfiel

Mary F. (Blackburn) Burchfiel of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, October 5, 1996. She was 69 years old.

A native of Humphreys, Tennessee, Mary was born on January 13, 1927, and married Arnold A. Burchfiel, her husband of 53 years, on August 2, 1943.

Mary is survived by her husband; four daughters, Mrs. Charles (Judith) Seebald, Mrs. Daniel (Brenda) Thomas, Mrs. Clifton (Glenda) Vance, and Mrs.

Timothy (Debra) Flood; one brother, Carlos Blackburn, Jr.; one sister, Ms. Shirley Webb; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Her sister Mildred preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 8, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Brother Timothy Dunn (Sunset Church of Christ, Taylor, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Arabell Longan

Arabell (Eves) Longan of New Boston, Michigan, died on Monday, September 30, 1996, at the age of 73.

The former Huron Public Schools employee was born in Romulus, Michigan, on December 8, 1922, and was a member of Community United Methodist Church (Romulus, MI).

Arabell is survived by one son, Joseph Wayne Longan; two daughters, Wanda Joe Baker and Carol Jean Lund; four brothers, Melvin, Paul, Derwood, and Kenneth Eves; one sister, Pearl Bower; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, William Longan, and two infant sons, Bobby and Paul.

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